

Candia's Recycling/Energy Committee
Public Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2018

Attendance: Clay Caddy, Al Couch, Recycling Center Operator Chuck Whitcher, and Recycling Center BOS Representative Russ Dann

The Recycling booth at Old Home Day was discussed, and it was considered a success. Russ, Freda, Clay, and Al were at the booth for the day, and although the weather could have been a bit better, we remained busy most of the day- answering questions and handing out info. Also, many people were impressed with the bale of aluminum cans on display.

Chuck said that the vertical baler is now working. The motor had to be rebuilt, but it was worth it as it has worked well for baling #2 plastic which earns much higher revenue than 1-7 plastics. This has helped the Recycling Center earn better overall returns on recycling.

Arrangements have been made for the committee to tour Historic Motor Sports to see the new solar system. Bob from Historic Motor Sports asked that the committee see the system, and to look at the possibility of the town buying excess solar from them. The tour will be on Saturday, Sept 15 at 9 am.

Chuck would like to set up another traffic count device to get more accurate numbers on traffic at the Recycling Center. Al will check with Dick Snow as Dick mentioned he may have access to something Chuck could use for a longer period of time.

Swap Shop- the committee would like to see a shed roof added to the back of the Swap Shop to store large items and overflow from the Swap Shop. We will need to get an updated quote from Twinbrook construction. Canny had mentioned that Dick Robideau had offered to draw up plans. Russ had an idea of using pre-cast footings for the support posts. Al will try to put together some info to get something started.

Household Hazardous Waste Day was reviewed. This will be Saturday, Sept 22 from 8 to 1 pm. Russ, Al, and Clay will be there to help check people in and to write up new Recycle Ctr stickers.

Painting interior walls- Chuck updated the committee on the progress of the painting of walls that were recently completed to help insulate the office. The trim will be white, and for the wall areas, they choose a color called "cardboard." Chuck says the color fits the name and it looks great.

Chuck and staff also continue to work on the set-up to put boards above the recycle bins that will hold a display of containers and items that will clearly show residents what can and what cannot be recycled. They are making good progress and this should be completed soon. This should really help by clearly showing what items should or should not be including for recycling in the bins.

The next meeting will be September 27th at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Al Couch, Recycling/Energy Committee Member